

AMENDMENT

In the Title

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING A NETWORK FILE
USING A LOGICAL REFERENCE--

In the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of communication between a client computer and a server computer connected to the client computer by a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving, at the client, a user's selection of a hyperlink that is a logical point of access to a file, the logical point of access being associated with a logical reference in a parent file, the logical reference uniquely identifying the file independently of an electronic address at which the file is located;

(b) identifying an electronic address corresponding to the logical reference; and

(c) receiving, at the client, the file identified by the logical reference.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying step is performed at the client by reference to a list of physical references at the client, the

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~~list of physical references identifying a plurality of electronic addresses corresponding to the logical reference.~~

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the list of physical references is appended to the parent file.

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6. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the server modifies the parent file to include the list of physical references before transmitting the parent file to the client.

10. (Amended) A method of communication between a client computer and a server computer connected to the client computer by a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving, at the server, a request for transfer to a client of a parent file containing a logical reference, the request being in the form of a physical reference;
- (b) modifying the file, at the server, by inserting therein a list of physical references corresponding to each logical reference; and
- (c) transmitting, from the server to the client, the modified file.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises the step of:

- (e) transmitting, from the server to the client, the program.

14. (Amended) A method for communication between a client computer and a server computer connected to the client computer by a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) requesting, at a client, transmission of a parent file to the client, the parent file comprising a logical reference, the logical reference uniquely identifying a file independently of an electronic address at which the file is located;

(b) receiving the parent file at the client, the parent file comprising a list of electronic addresses corresponding to the logical reference;

(c) identifying, at the client, an electronic address from the list of electronic addresses, the electronic address identifying a server and the location of the file on the server; and

(d) requesting transmission of the file from the server to the client using the electronic address identified in step (c).

15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

(e) receiving a program for selecting a server, step (e) being performed before step (c).

Please add new claims 33-36 as follows:

--33. (New) A method of communication between a client computer and a server computer connected to the client computer by a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) detecting a user's selection of a parent file's hyperlink to a desired file; and
- (b) if the hyperlink is associated with a logical reference of the parent file that identifies the desired file independently of a URL, identifying an electronic address stored in the parent file that corresponds to the logical reference.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the parent file comprises a plurality of electronic addresses corresponding to the logical reference.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the identifying step comprises the step of selecting the electronic address from the plurality of electronic addresses.

36. (New) A method of communication between a client computer and a server computer connected to the client computer by a communications network, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting a user's selection of a parent file's hyperlink to a desired file;
- (b) identifying a logical reference in the parent file that is associated with the hyperlink and that identifies the desired file independently of a URL; and
- (c) selecting an electronic address that corresponds to the logical